***The Kingdom* Film Analysis**

**Introduction**

While preparing to learn about the Middle East, we watched *The Kingdom*. This was a very good movie in my opinion. It contained a lot of excitement and adventure. I believe it portrayed the Middle East very well. It showed the “bad people” of the Middle East, but it also showed that there are “good guys” in the Middle East. It has normally been thought that the Middle East is mainly terrorist, but the movie really helps to show that there are people who want justice to be brought to the terrorist. I would recommend this movie to anyone, so a new view of the Middle East is brought to American citizens.

**Brief Summary**

The movie *The Kingdom*, starts off showing a mass murdering of many people at an American facility in the Middle East. This event includes a suicide bomber, and then another bomb killing FBI agents. At this point agents, Ronald Fleury, Grant Sykes , Janet Mayes , Adam Leavitt arrive in the middle east to start investigating the crime. They are working with Middle East officials to find the master minds behind the crime. They explore all the facts, and clues, and figure out who the men operating everything is. They have a lot of adventure and excitement along the way. One of their own agents was kidnapped and almost killed in the process. One of the officials the agents were working with was killed unfortunately. In the end they do find the men responsible and kill them in fighting.

**Contemporary Middle Eastern society**

For me the best scene of contemporary Middle Eastern society was at the very end when they were following the vehicle that contained the kidnapped agent. To me it showed that the Middle East isn’t all dessert, and camels. There are highways and towns where people live, showing the normal everyday people along the way. They show the buildings as more modern, changing my view of people living in little hut type houses.

**Favorite scene from the film that impacts view of the Middle East**

My favorite scene from the film, *The Kingdom,* which impacted my view of the Middle East was the very last scene. This scene showed the little girl saying what her grandfather told her before he died. He had said, “Don’t worry we will kill them all.” This is the exact thing that Ronald Fleury had told Janet Mayes. This affected me because while the United States believes the Middle East is the “bad guys,” people in the Middle East believe that people in the United States are the “bad guys.” This affected me because we both think the same of each other, and are doing what we believe is right.

**Favorable Impression**

There really wasn’t a specific scene that gave me a really good favorable impression of the Middle East, but a person who gave me a favorable impression. The agent that died fighting to find the terrorist who committed the crime was the man who gave me a favorable impression. Knowing that he was from the Middle East and was fighting the war on terrorism showed me that there are people in the Middle East that do want peace. Also that he was willing to work with Americans left a favorable impression. He proved that not all Middle Easter’s are terrorists.

**Unfavorable Impression**

The scene that gave me the most unfavorable impression of the Middle East was when the bombing occurred, and the older man taping the bombing from the building forced the younger boy to watch. This is how they would brainwash the younger children, and to me it was just evil. To force a child to watch a bombing of innocent people is just cruel. This made me look very unfavorable on the Middle East.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion I believe *The Kingdom* was a very good movie to watch. Even though it proves some of the stereotypes to be true, it proves some to be false. My view of the Middle East has slightly changed after watching this movie. I have realized there are some people in the Middle East that are actually good. Also that the people in the Middle East think the United States are evil, exactly how we think they are evil. I would recommend anyone to watch *The Kingdom* to get a new view on the Middle East.